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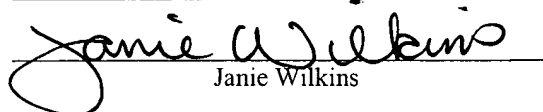
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FOR: **Acetabular Ring Prosthesis with
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, setting a shortened statutory period for reply expiring November 7, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a three (3) Month Extension of Time and check in the amount of \$950.00. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855. It is our understanding that claim amendments in a reissue application are still to be submitted in the form required by 37 C.F.R. §1.173 rather than the Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 recently promulgated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If the

undersigned is mistaken, the Examiner is requested to please contact the undersigned as soon as possible so that an amendment may be submitted in the proper format.